Commissions and district forums established under the Consumer Protection Act found to be frivolous during the last three years with details of each State and Union Territory in the country;

(b) what action Government have taken to discourage the filing of frivolous complaints;

(c) whether Government propose to amend the Consumer Protection Act to provide for penal action for filing false and frivolous complaints; and

(d) if not so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) to (d) The High Powered Working Group, in its Report on the amendment of the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 has recommended that the National Commission/State Commissions/District Forums should be empowered to punish the complaint if he files a malicious complaint. The recommendation is under consideration of the Government.

Allocation of quota of edible oils and essential commodities to Maharashtra

4634. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maharashtra Government have submitted any proposal for allocation of quota of edible oils and other essential commodities especially for meeting the needs of the people during the ensuing festive season;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (c) Demands from States/U.Ts. including Maharashtra for there is no proposal for additional allocation of foodgrains etc. for the PDS are received from time to time. Allocation of PDS commodities is supplemental in nature and cannot meet the total demands of the States/UTs. There is no proposal for specific additional allocation of rice and wheat for the festival season from Maharashtra Government. However, a quantity of 9014 tonnes of levy sugar has been allotted to the State for the purpose. Of this, 4014 tonnes have been released alongwith the quota of August, 1992; the balance will be released alongwith the October quota.

Allocation of imported edible oils is subject to its availability with the Central Government. A quality of 2000 tonnes of Palmolein have been allotted to the State in July, 1992.

Supply of essential commodities Orissa

4635. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total requirement of Government of Orissa for the months of April, May, June, July, 1992, with regard to essential commodities like rice, wheat, levy sugar, palmolive oil, kerosene oil and what was the actual quantity supplied by Central Government; and

(b whether the supply was less than the requirement, if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) The demand of